Statement placed on the Table.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir,

Under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the table, the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, VIII of 1098.

Item	Amount Rs.	Remarks
13. General Administration—Huzur. Purchase of books.	330	This has been sanctioned by transfer from "33. Miscellaneous-Miscellaneous and Unforeseen charges"; towards the purchase of 15 copies of further volumes of Macpherson's British Enactments (Revised Edition). The books were being sent as they were published. As the V. P. Parcel containing the fourth consignment had to be taken delivery of immediately the allotment had to be granted urgently.

Demands for supplementary grants.

1. I—Land Revenue—Establishment Rs. 7,753.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I rise to move that this House will be pleased to vote for a supplementary grant of Rs. 7,753 under 1. Land Revenue—Establishment. The necessity for this supplementary grant has been clearly but briefly explained in the printed note put up before the Standing Finance Committee by the Secretary to the Diwan, and this note has been circulated to all the Members. If any further information is necessary to elucidate the demand, I shall gladly supply it. It is very clearly stated in that note that the excess is due to (1) increase of pay sanctioned to the Sampradhies, Gollahs, Village-officers etc., (2) disbursement of arrear pay consequent on the general revision of pay ordered with effect from 1st Chingam 1105 and (3) increase in the amount of leave allowance. No provision could be made last year in the Budget estimate for 1106 for (1) and (2) as orders were passed only in the current year, while in regard to (3) the usual provision made; viz., 5 per cent of the pay of the staff, is found insuffi-

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cient. Hence the necessity for the additional grant. This explains the necessity for the increase of grant, Rs. 7,753.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—I suppose the amount has already been spent?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—A Good portion of this has been spent, since it is now the month of Karkadagam.

Question put and agreed to.

2. 1—Land Revenue—Contribution to Municipalities—Rs. 2,000.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Sir, I rise once more to request this House to vote for a supplementary grant of Rs. 2,000 for paying the usual contribution to the Municipalities for 1106. The necessity for this also has been explained in the note presented by the Secretary to the Diwan to the Standing Finance Committee. It is the practice everywhere to pay from Government, 33 and 1/3 per cent of the expenditure incurred by the Municipalities. Government contribute one third of the cost as a compensation for the Government work done. We adopted this practice from 1104 in the Trichur Municipality. The temporary survey staff of the other three Municipalities was made permanent in 1105 and we have now to pay to the four Municipalities on an average of Rs. 1,500 per annum. We made a provision only for an allotment of Rs. 350 in the budget estimate for 1106. So there is necessity to pay the contribution to all the Municipalities together. I request that the House will be pleased to grant this.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know whether you have verified whether the Municipalities have done any sort of work?

Rao Sahib Mr. T.V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes, they have to maintain a set of registers. The rules require the checking of these registers by me. I check and verify them during the Jamabundi and I find that they have done a fair amount of good work.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—May I know when this temporay establishment was allowed to be entertained by the Government so far as the Ernakulam Municipality is concerned?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I cannot give the exact date. I think it was in the beginning of 1103, after the street survey of 1102. The temporary establishment to the best of my recollection was sanctioned in the beginning of 1103. I am not sure but it may be from the beginning of 1103.

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